



April 5, 2026 "The Perfect Storm"

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HAPPY EASTER! - HE IS RISEN!

✦ A "perfect storm" is when several powerful forces converge at once and create a massive, devastating event.

The cross and resurrection are two events that are inseparable, and undeniable truths that changed the course of history forever.

1. The Perfect Storm at the **Cross**. *Luke 23:44-46*

✦ The cross was the storm of sin, judgment, and darkness that collided with the holiness, grace, and love of God.

Hebrews 10:19-20, Isaiah 53:5-6, Romans 5:8

2. The Perfect Victory at the **Tomb**. *Luke 24:1-9*

✦ The resurrection confirms that the cross was effective.

The empty tomb is God's declaration:
"The sacrifice was accepted."

1 Corinthians 15:16-22, 54-57

God transformed what appeared entirely destructive into something redemptive—God's love converted human rejection into a holy sacrifice.

1 Peter 1:19-23

✦ The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith. And because He lives, our faith is *not in vain*.

Romans 8:33, 38-39

✦ The resurrection doesn't erase Friday's memory but affirms the gravity of the cross.

1. For believers... Remember that during life's storms, this one weekend event becomes the anchor in every storm as we look back to the cross and empty tomb as our guarantee.

2. For unbelievers... The cross and empty tomb are the invitation to give your heart to Jesus and acknowledge that nothing in this world can truly set you free. *Simply, confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord.*

Hebrews 12:2-3

**all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*